

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please insert at line 1 of page 1, the following paragraph:

This application is a § 371 of PCT/US00/06960 filed on March 16, 2000 which claims benefit of US Provisionals 60/124,850 filed on March 17, 1999; 60/131,145 filed on April 27, 1999; and 60/131,146 filed on April 27, 1999.

Please replace paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26 with the following amended paragraph:

The coating composition of the present invention optionally contains in the range of from 0.5 percent to 30 percent, preferably in the range of from 1 percent to 20 percent, stabilized [~~crosslinked~~] crosslinked polymer particles, i.e., non-aqueous dispersion (NAD) (as described in detail in U.S. Patent 4,960,828), all percentages being based on the total weight of composition solids.